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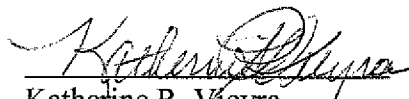
In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following reference, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2002-015073 dated January 18, 2002, together with English Language Abstract;

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The reference listed above was cited in an Official Action dated October 21, 2008 received from the Japanese Patent Office, a copy of which is enclosed. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above-cited reference required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii). Please note that the other references cited in the Office Action, namely, JP 2002-236859A published August 23, 2002, JP 05-197768A published August 6, 1993 and JP 2002-304584 published October 18, 2002 were previously submitted in applicant's Information Disclosure Statement dated March 12, 2004. The references have been described in the Office Action.

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